GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department - Sri P.Ranga Rao, the then Technical Officer, Eluru Municipal Corporation - Disciplinary Proceedings instituted under Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Enquiry conducted – Penalty of withholding of one Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect imposed – Orders issued - Appeal filed by Sri P.Ranga Rao, the then Technical Officer, Eluru Municipal Corporation -Appeal Allowed – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1184 **Dated: 27-12-2018**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.858, M.A. & U.D.(Vig.II) Department, dated 11.12.2017.
2. From Sri P.Ranga Rao, the then Technical Officer, Eluru Municipal Corporation, Appeal Petition dated 14.11.2018.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, based on the directions of Hon'ble Lokayukta in Complaint No.821/2012/B2, Government have inistituted departmental proceedings by issuing Articles of Charges against Sri P.Ranga Rao, the then Technical Officer, Eluru Municipal Corporation, as he had committed certain financial irregularities in the Corporation.

2. After following due procedure in terms of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991, Government have issued orders, imposing a punishment of withholding of one Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against him, vide reference 1st read above.

3. Aggrieved by the punishment orders, Sri P.Ranga Rao, the then Technical Officer, Eluru Municipal Corporation has filed an appeal petition before the Government, vide reference 2nd read above, wherein he has stated that the charges framed were based on the petition made to the Hon'ble Lokayukta against the Municipal Commissioner, Eluru that unauthorized expenditure was incurred on Racha Banda Programme. But, the Hon'ble Lokayukta in their order dated 14.08.2014 closed the complaint on the report submitted by the Municipal Commissioner, Eluru. Further, the Special Officer and District Collector has also requested the Government in MA & UD Dept., for reimbursement of the amount incurred by Eluru Municipal Corporation. Finally, he has requested to drop further action against him.

4. The matter has been examined in detail and it has been observed that the Hon'ble Lokayukta in its orders dated.14.08.2014 in Complaint No.37/2012/B1, while closing the Complaint, has made the following:-

> *"it is quite evident that there is no unauthorized act in spending the amount for Racha Banda Programme held on 15.11.2011 and the said programme has been widely publicized and in fact the Collector who was the Special Officer of the Municipal Corporation during the above time has addressed the Commissioner for spending the amount for Racha Banda Programme and the Collector had even addressed letters, dt.24.08.2012, while addressing the Principal Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, AP for reimbursement of the amount of Rs.22,85,050/- and another addressed to the Special Secretary to Government (Protocal), GAD, AP to reimburse an amount of Rs.21,12,000/-. In view of the explanation given above, which is authenticated by the official correspondence, the Hon'ble Lokayukta do not see any ground to further probe into the matter".*

(P.T.O.)

5. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to allow the appeal petition filed by Sri P.Ranga Rao, the then Technical Officer, Eluru Municipal Corporation and drop further action against him. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against Sri P.Ranga Rao, the then Technical Officer, Eluru Municipal Corporation, as the expenditure incurred by him was approved by the Collector & Special Officer, West Godavari District and the Hon'ble Lokayukta has also observed that there is no unauthorized act in spending the amount for Racha Banda Programme held on 15.11.2011 and the said programme has been widely publicized.

6. The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

7. The receipt of G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R. KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Ranga Rao, the then Technical Officer, Eluru Municipal Corporation **through** the Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:
The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner, Eluru Municipal Corporation, West Godavari District.
SF/SCs.

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SECTION OFFICER